



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Advocacy Group Calls for Port of New Orleans to Sever Ties with Israeli Port of Ashdod

**DATE:** November 16, 2023 at 12pm

**LOCATION:** Lafayette Square, marching to Port of New Orleans Offices

**EVENT:** Direct action to end Port of New Orleans Aid to Israel

New Orleans, LA — In a move to challenge the Port of Orleans' involvement with Israel, NOSHIP (New Orleans Stop Helping Israel's Ports) is mobilizing pro-Palestinian advocates to call for the immediate termination of all trade between the Port of New Orleans and the settler colony of Israel.

Protesters will first gather in Lafayette Square and march to the Port of New Orleans' monthly Board of Commissioners meeting to comment publicly on the Port of New Orleans' collaboration with the Port of Ashdod, located outside Tel Aviv. This direct action follows the Port of New Orleans' recent commitment to establish an "innovation embassy," which would facilitate the exchange of Israeli innovations including cybersecurity, surveillance technology, and military and policing tactics.

Thursday's NOSHIP action aims to amplify the growing concerns of New Orleans residents—including over 20,000 Palestinians—regarding the role of city leaders and the appropriation of local tax dollars to aid Israel's military occupation of Palestinian people and territories. Global human rights groups, including Human Rights Watch and the Israeli information center, B'Tselem, have classified Israel's governance system as apartheid.

#### **About the Organization**

NOSHIP (New Orleans Stop Helping Israel's Ports) is a coalition of community leaders throughout New Orleans dedicated to organizing peaceful demonstrations and direct calls to action to end trade and diplomatic relations between New Orleans and Israel. The group challenges state and national complicity in the 75-year ethnic cleansing of Palestinians including the ongoing genocide of Gazans.